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Other Needs Assistance grants, funded on a cost-share basis by FEMA and the State of Texas to assist Hurricane Harvey survivors, can be used to repair or replace damaged personal property or to pay for disaster-related necessary expenses and other serious needs.

These are necessities that help survivors prevent or overcome disaster-related hardship, injury or adverse conditions.

- The state provides these grants to repair or pay for:
  - Disaster-related medical or dental costs.
  - Disaster-related funeral and burial costs.
  - Clothing; household items (room furnishings, appliances); tools (specialized or protective clothing and equipment) required for your job; necessary educational materials (computers, school books, and supplies).
  - Fuels for primary heat source (heating oil, gas, firewood).
  - Disaster-specified clean-up items (wet/dry vacuum, air purifier and dehumidifier).
  - A vehicle damaged by the disaster.
  - Moving and storage expenses related to the disaster (moving and storing property to avoid additional disaster damage while disaster-related repairs are being made to the home).
  - Other necessary expenses or serious needs as determined by the State and FEMA.
- Texans who suffered damage or loss from Hurricane Harvey and were referred to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) may lose income-based state-administered grants if they don't complete and submit the SBA loan application.
  - Some types of Other Needs Assistance—medical, dental and funeral expenses—are not SBA-dependent, and completing the loan application is not required.
  - The application is not required for survivors seeking temporary rental assistance.

